GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:233
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WELFARE SCHEME FOR TRIBALS IN FORESTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Welfare schemes and other programmes being implemented for the welfare of tribals living in forests in various states, especially in Maharashtra; ,

(b) the alternative steps take/proposed to be taken by the Government for livelihood of said tribals in view of shrinking of forest areas;

(c) whether the Government is aware that some tribes are forced to eat roots of trees and grass etc. for their survival;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for their upliftment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a), (b) &(e) This Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes for the socio-economic development of tribals in all the States/UTs, including Maharashtra. These Schemes/programmes are meant for the welfare of all the tribals, including those living in forests. There is no separate scheme specifically for the tribals living in forests or those affected due to shrinking of forest areas.

The schemes of the Ministry relate to income and employment generation, infrastructure development, educational development and improvement in literacy of all the tribals. Some Schemes pertain to ensuring fair prices for minor forest produce and food security for the tribals, besides the promotion of voluntary efforts in the area of tribal welfare. The list of Schemes/programmes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being implemented is annexed. The funds are released to the department in charge of tribal welfare, who are required to ensure that these reach the beneficiaries.

Incidents of the type, mentioned in part (c) & (d) of the Question have not been reported to this Ministry.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 223 dated 6.7.2004 by Shri Ram das Bandu Athawale regarding ` Welfare Scheme for Tribals in Forests`.

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

1. Grant-in-aid to NGO for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied
 Scheme and award for exemplary service.
2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas.
3. Educational Complex in low Literacy pockets.
4. Investment/Price Support to Tribal Co-operative Marketing
 Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED).
5. Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Corporations for Minor Forect produce.
6. Village Gramin Banks.
7 Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.
8. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations.
9. Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students.
10. Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys.
11. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas.
12. Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and Others.
13. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA- to TSP).
14. Grants-in-Aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.